



Response to Office Action Dated May 23, 2001

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR,

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated May 23, 2001. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this submission.

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's Final Office Action dated May 23, 2001. This response is believed to address all issues raised by the Examiner including all grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner's Action.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101

In an amendment filed earlier, Applicants have modified claims 26–30 are recite claims directed toward a program storage device rather than computer–executable "code" in order to comply with <u>In re Beauregard</u>. Examiner rejected these amended claims again stating that the recitation of "program of instructions to" is inoperative, and should be amended again. Applicants respectfully request the examiner to consider several